

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS AND LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A switching system, having:

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- at least one fused switch unit (10) with a fuse link (20) which can be switched to and fro between a switched-on position and a switched-off position,
 - a switch for closing and interrupting the circuit of the switching system, said switch having an operating lever (31),
 - ~~a blocking apparatus, which can prevent the circuit from being closed by the switch,~~
- wherein
- a combined switching and blocking apparatus (30) ~~is provided, with~~ which can prevent the circuit from being closed by the switch, said combined switching and blocking apparatus (30) including a blocking element (32) having at least one blocking rod (33) for ~~each~~ said fused switch unit (10), said blocking rod (33) being mounted on an said operating lever (31) of ~~the~~ said switch for closing and interrupting the circuit,
 - an interlocking element (35) having an opening (36) is provided for ~~each~~ said fused switch unit (10) and is arranged in ~~the~~ said fused switch unit (~~20~~ 10) such that it said interlocking element (35) can be switched to and fro together with the associated said fuse link (20), and ~~in which~~ so that
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and
- (A) said a blocking rod (33) can be inserted into the opening (36) in ~~the~~ associated said interlocking element (35) only when ~~the associated said~~ said fuse link (20) is in its said switched-on position,
 - (B) said ~~the~~ operating lever (31) of the switch can be switched to close the circuit only when ~~each~~ said blocking rod (33) can be inserted into ~~the associated said~~ said opening (36) in ~~the~~ said interlocking element (35), and
 - (C) said a fuse link (20) cannot be moved to its switched-off position when ~~the~~ associated said blocking rod (33) is inserted in ~~the~~ said opening (36) in ~~the associated~~ said interlocking element (35).

2. (Currently Amended) The switching system as claimed in claim 1, wherein a said fused switch unit (10) has a fuse plug (40) for holding the fuse link (20), and the fuse plug (40) can be switched to and fro between a switched-on position and a switched-off position.

3. (Currently Amended) The switching system as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~the~~ said interlocking element (35) is mounted on the fuse plug (40).

4. (Currently Amended) The switching system as claimed in claim 1, wherein a said fused switch unit (10) has a switching rocker for holding ~~the~~ said fuse link (20) or

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the said fuse plug (40), and the switching rocker can be switched to and fro between a switched-on position and a switched-off position.

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5. (Currently Amended) The switching system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the said interlocking element (35) is mounted on the said switching rocker.

6. (Currently Amended) The switching system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the said interlocking element (35) is integral with the said switching rocker.

7. (Currently Amended) The switching system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the said interlocking element (35) is in the form of a guide element.

8. (Currently Amended) The switching system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the said interlocking element (35) has at least one latching element (37) which engages with a corresponding latching element (38, 39) on the said fused switch unit (10) when the at least one of said fuse link (20), the said fuse plug (40) ~~and/or the switching rocker are/is~~ in the switched-off position and/or in the switched-on position.

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